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RESPONSE

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 2, 2000, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The restriction of claims 1 to 43 under 35 U.S.C § 121 is respectfully traversed. It is respectfully submitted that the claims have been subdivided into an inappropriate number of groups.

It is respectfully submitted that all of the claims could readily be examined together in the same application as all of the claims relate to immediate early genes.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8	
I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, May 9, 2001 , in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.	
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